



KNOWLE WEST ALLIANCE

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Small Grants Information Sheet 2026

How do you get involved?

As a Knowle West-based individual/organisation/group/business, you'll complete a simple application form detailing your community project idea.

Your project must meet at least one of these criteria:

- Making KW a safer, friendlier place
- Making KW a cleaner, greener place
- Making KW a healthier, more active place
- Making KW a creative place

You can apply for one small grant in a financial year. The money you get should cover the whole cost of your project, or you can look for match funding (money from another source) if your project will cost more than the amount of the Knowle West Alliance grant. We may suggest other ways of funding your project if it's more appropriate.

Do not start your project until funds are agreed. We cannot fund projects after they are complete.

We sometimes have other grants available. You can use the same application process and apply in addition to a small grant if your project meets the funding criteria.

The application form is available online via our website. Please submit the form online. If you need support with the form get in touch with grants@kwalliance.co.uk or call into Knowle West Media Centre on Leinster Avenue. Please give as much information as you can, this helps the grants panel make their decision.

What happens next?

After you've put in your application, our Grants Panel will decide if your project meets the criteria. We will aim to let you know the outcome within two weeks of the panel meeting.

How do you get the grant?

You will be sent information about how to claim your grant; it can either be through production of receipts/invoices or via bank transfer to a community group/organisation bank account with two signatories. This could also be via a suitable third party bank account with their permission, if this is difficult for you please get in touch.

If you are match funding your project, you will need to have this funding in place before we will release the grant.

What happens after you're awarded the grant?

You will receive 90% of funds, as soon as possible after your grant is approved and we have received bank details. The final 10% is paid once we have received evaluation/reporting

For most of our grants, you must start your project within 3 months and complete it within 12 months.

Specific deadlines may be in place for projects in some of our funding categories – these are detailed on the application form and our website. If you're finding it difficult to meet these deadlines, please get in touch; we may be able to be flexible.

Evaluation/reporting

Once the funds have been spent you or other member(s) of your project group must get in touch with a photos and a short statement about how the money was spent. You can also record a short video about your project. We may share this on-line – please ensure that everyone in the images or video gives you their permission. We will not seek additional permissions.

In your short video or photo and statement, please provide some evidence of how your project has worked and the difference it has made. This could include photos, messages from those impacted by it, videos, case studies, news stories etc. These may be shared through our public communication channels so please only provide evidence that you are happy for us to share. We may also visit your project or send a short feedback form to complete.

Feedback, statements, photos and videos help KWA secure more funding for small grants. We can show future funders the benefits of small grants. It also allows the community to see how money is spent and may inspire another resident or group with an idea of project. Once evaluation/reporting is received, we will release the final 10% of funding.

If you need any more information or have a question please email – grants@kwalliance.co.uk

